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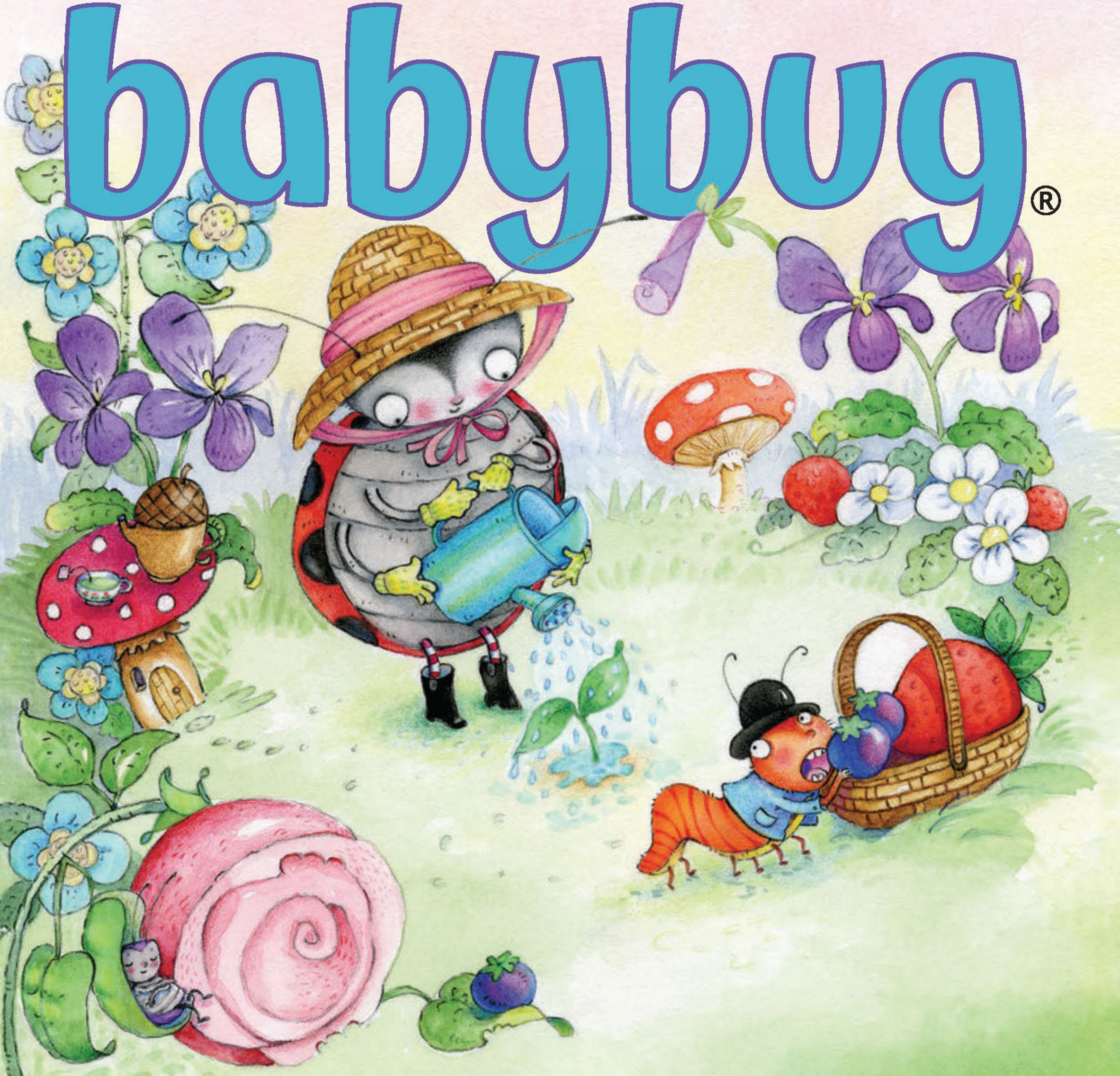

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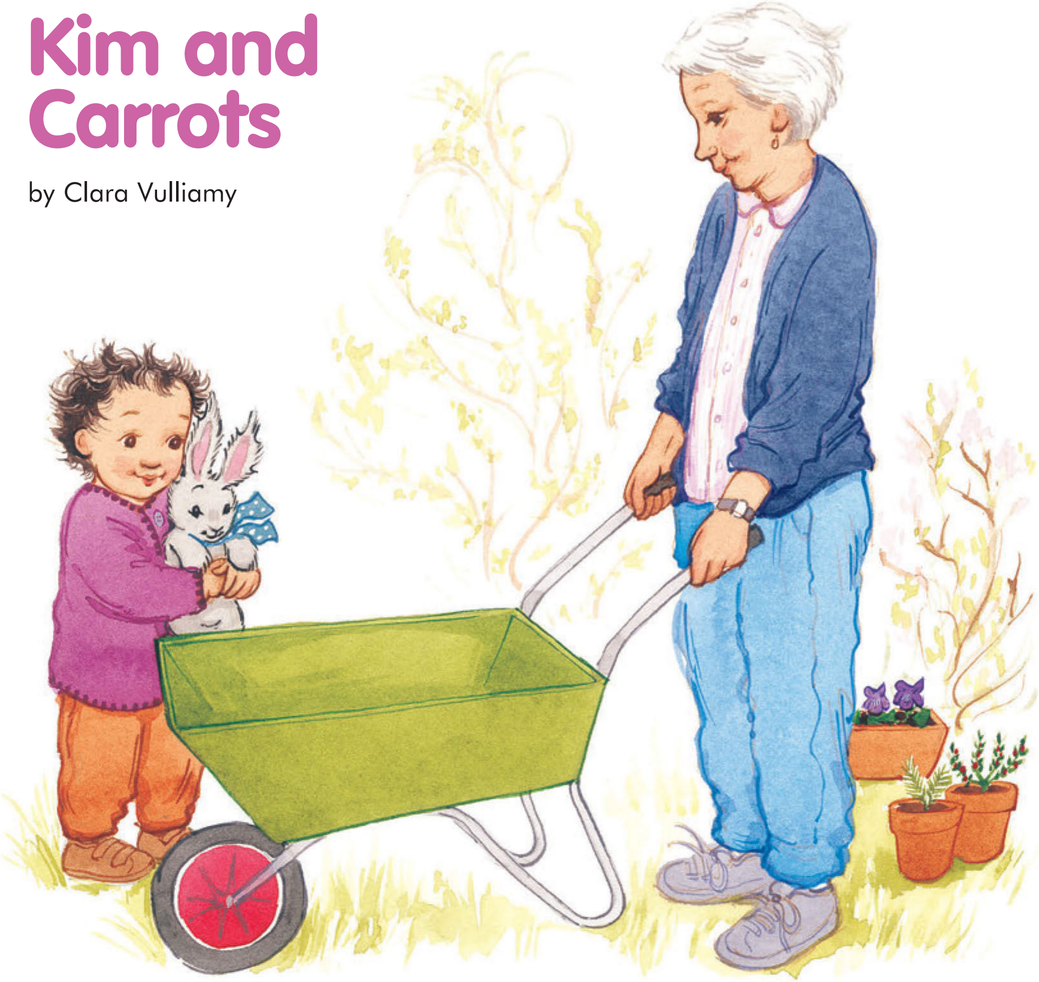
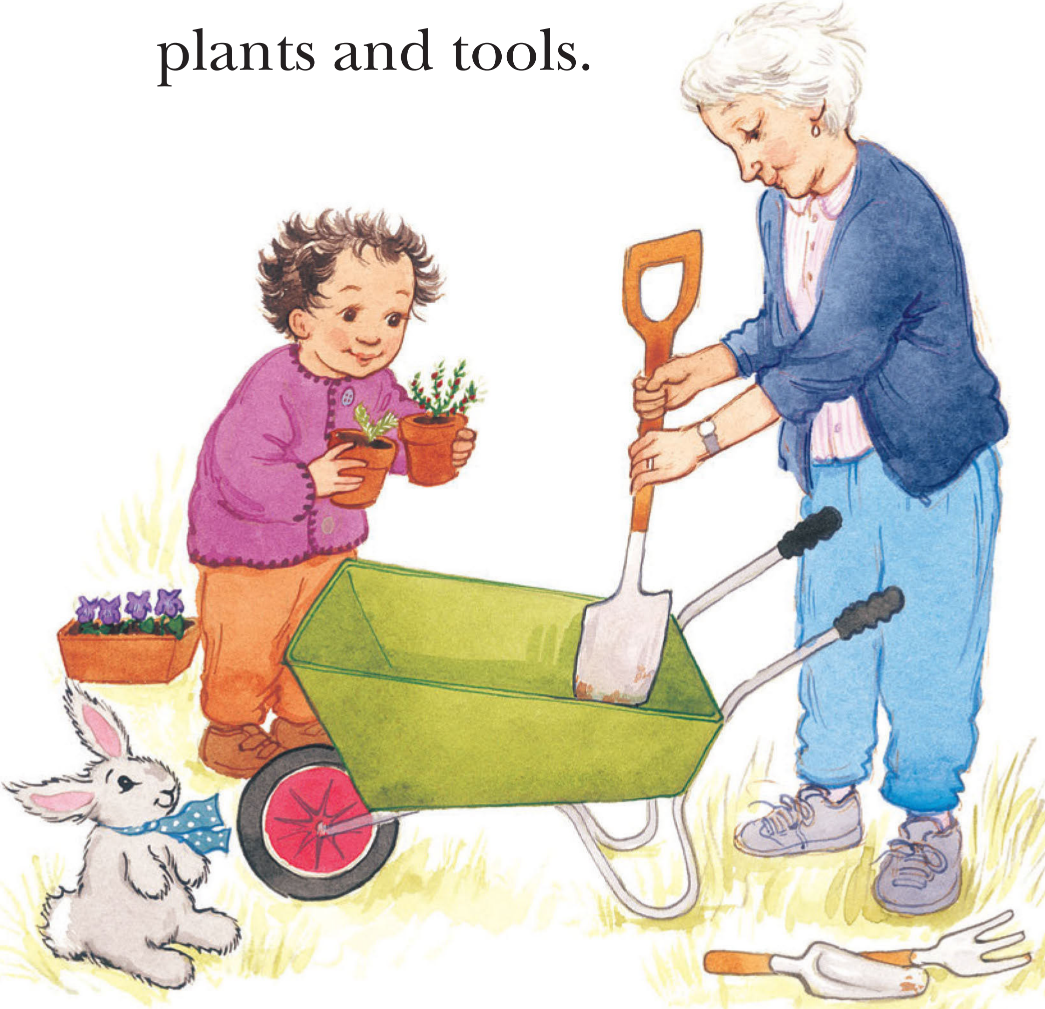
Kim and Carrots

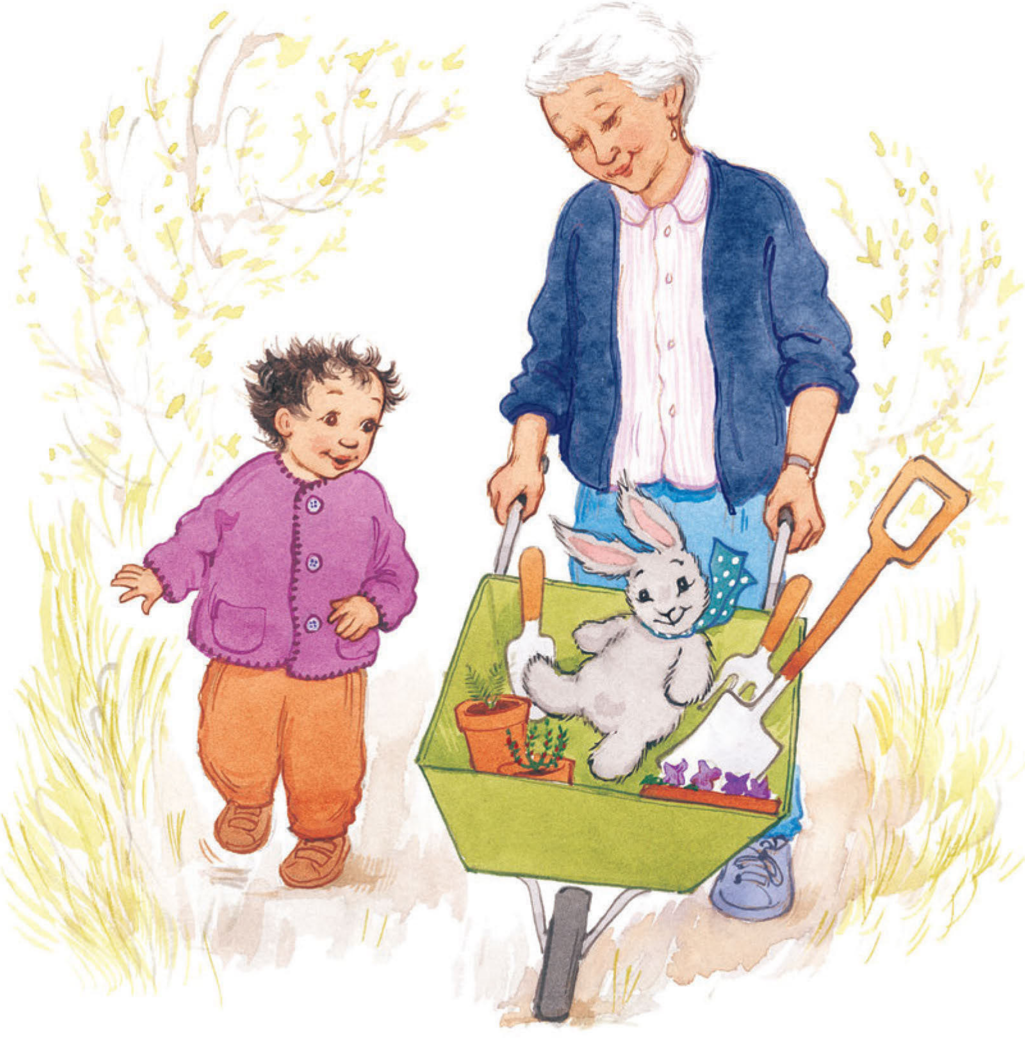
by Clara Vulliamy



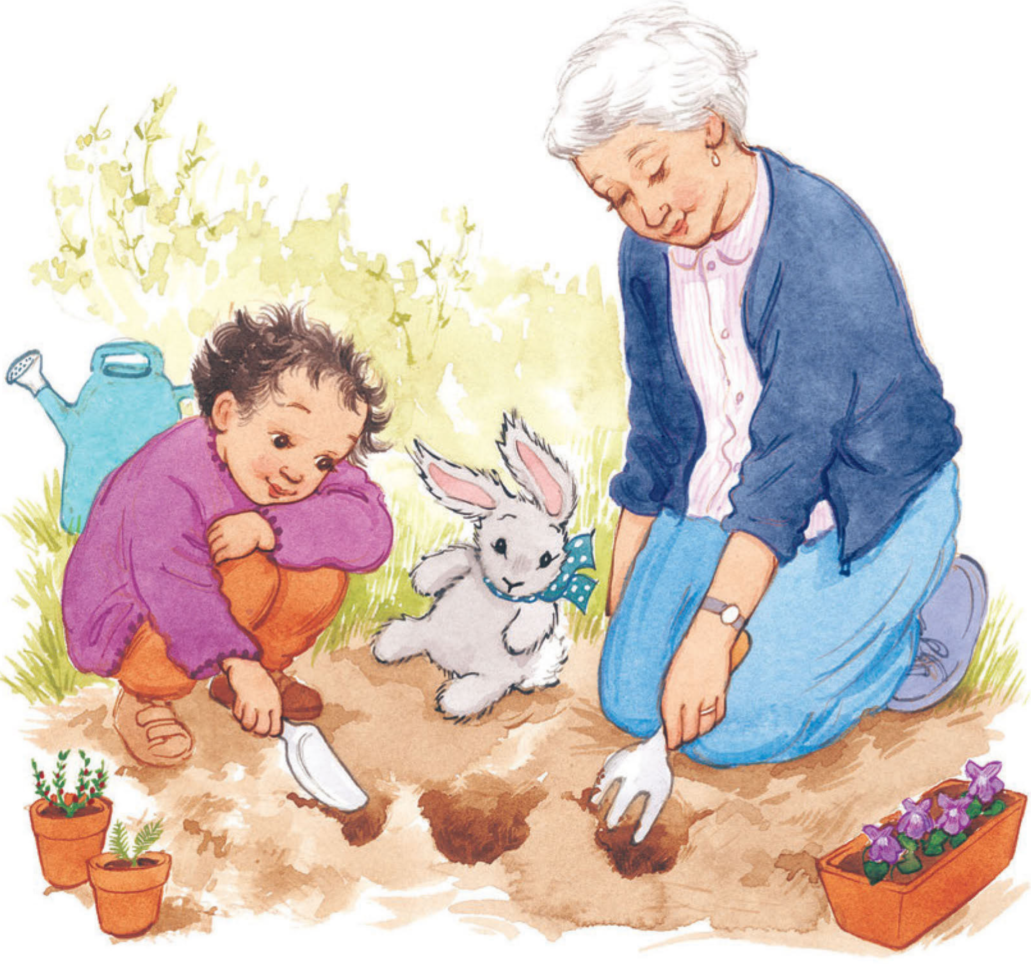
What a nice new wheelbarrow,
Grandma!

Kim and Grandma load
the wheelbarrow with
plants and tools.



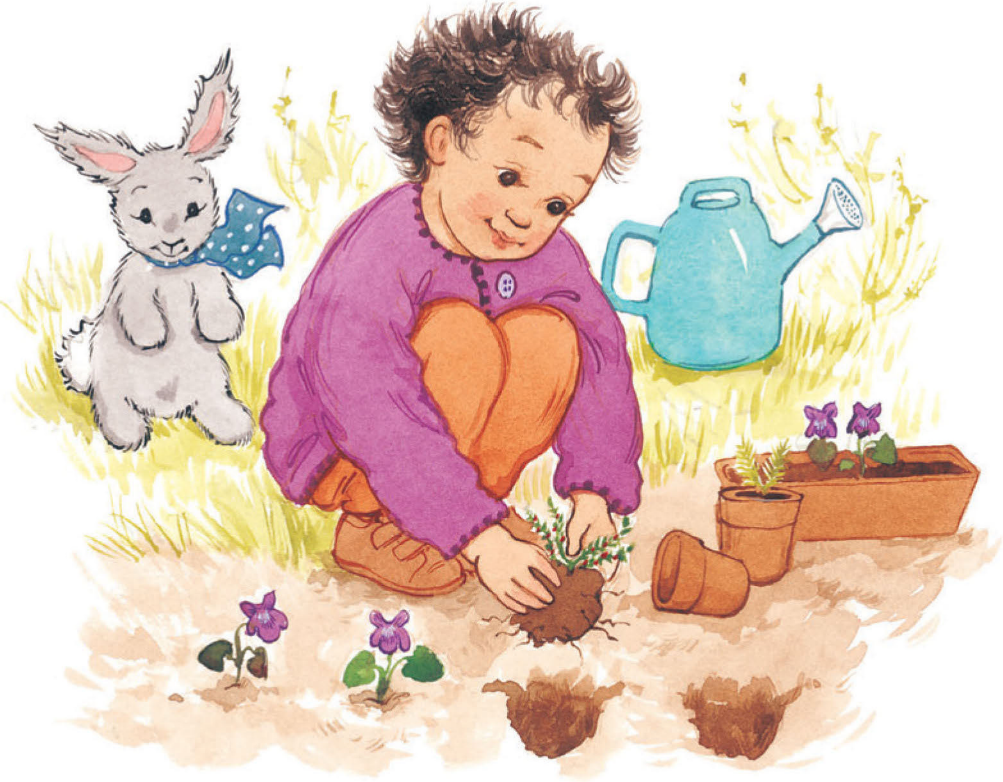


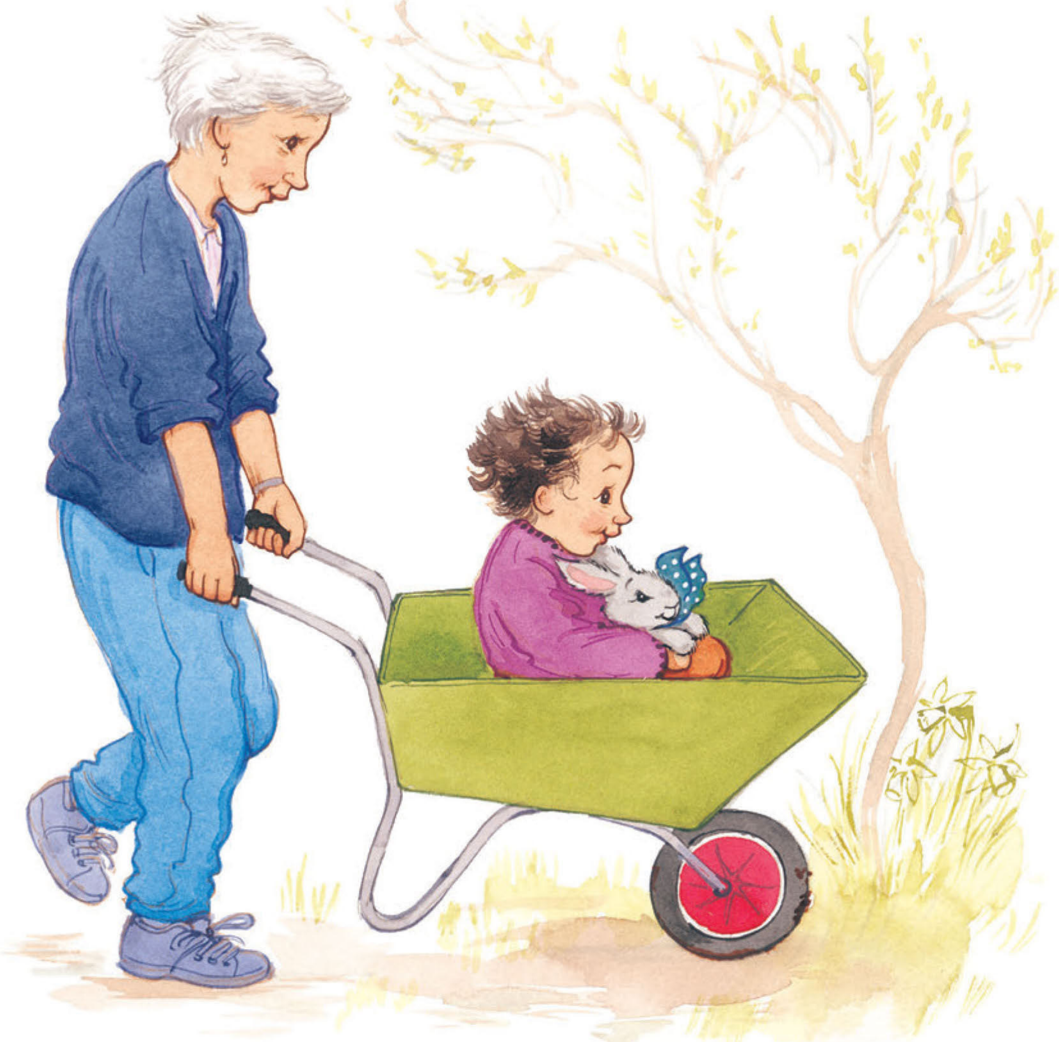
Lucky Carrots gets a ride.



Kim and Grandma dig some holes.
Don’t fall in, Carrots!

Kim carefully puts one little plant in each hole.





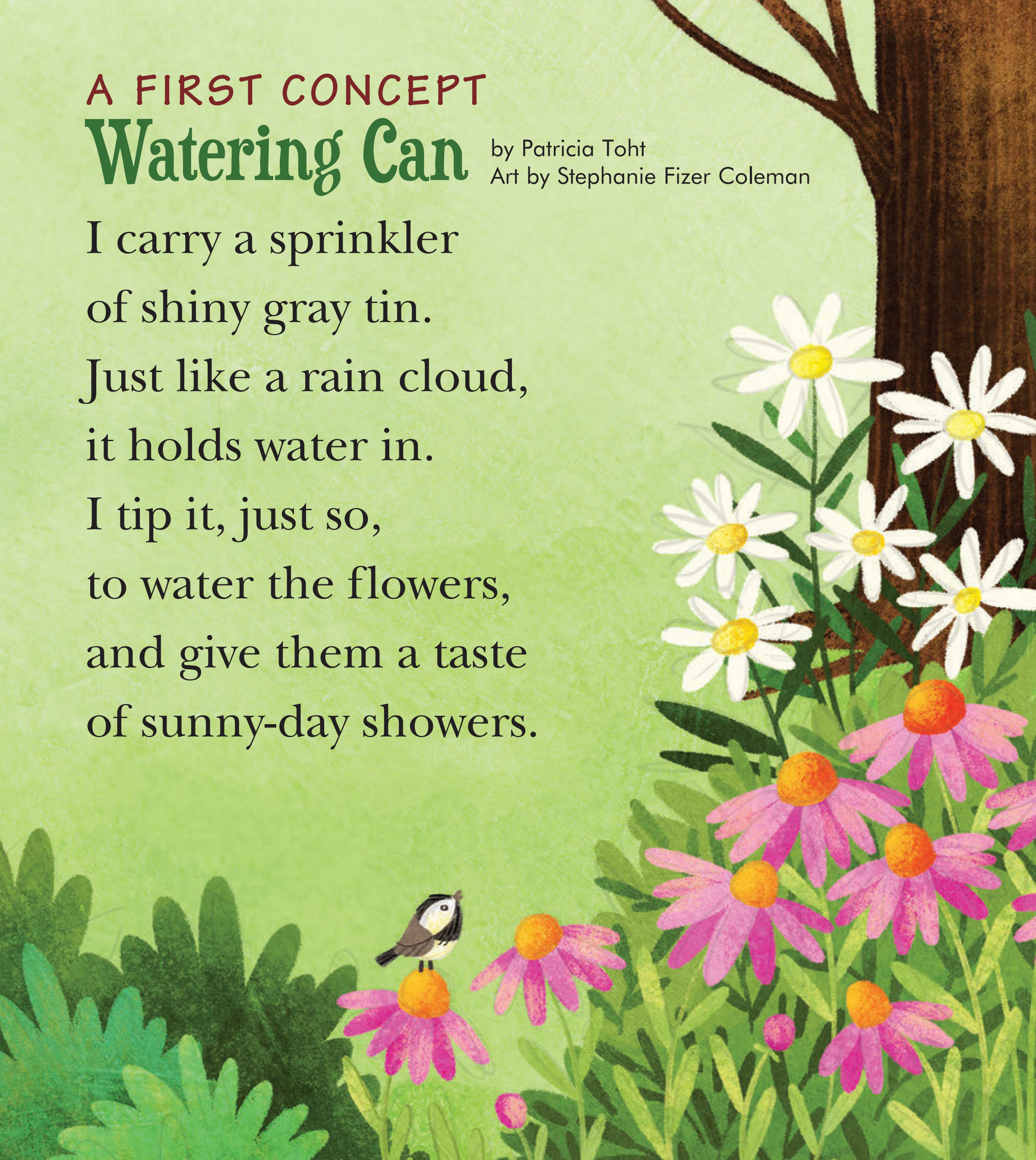
When the work is done, Kim and Carrots both get a ride!

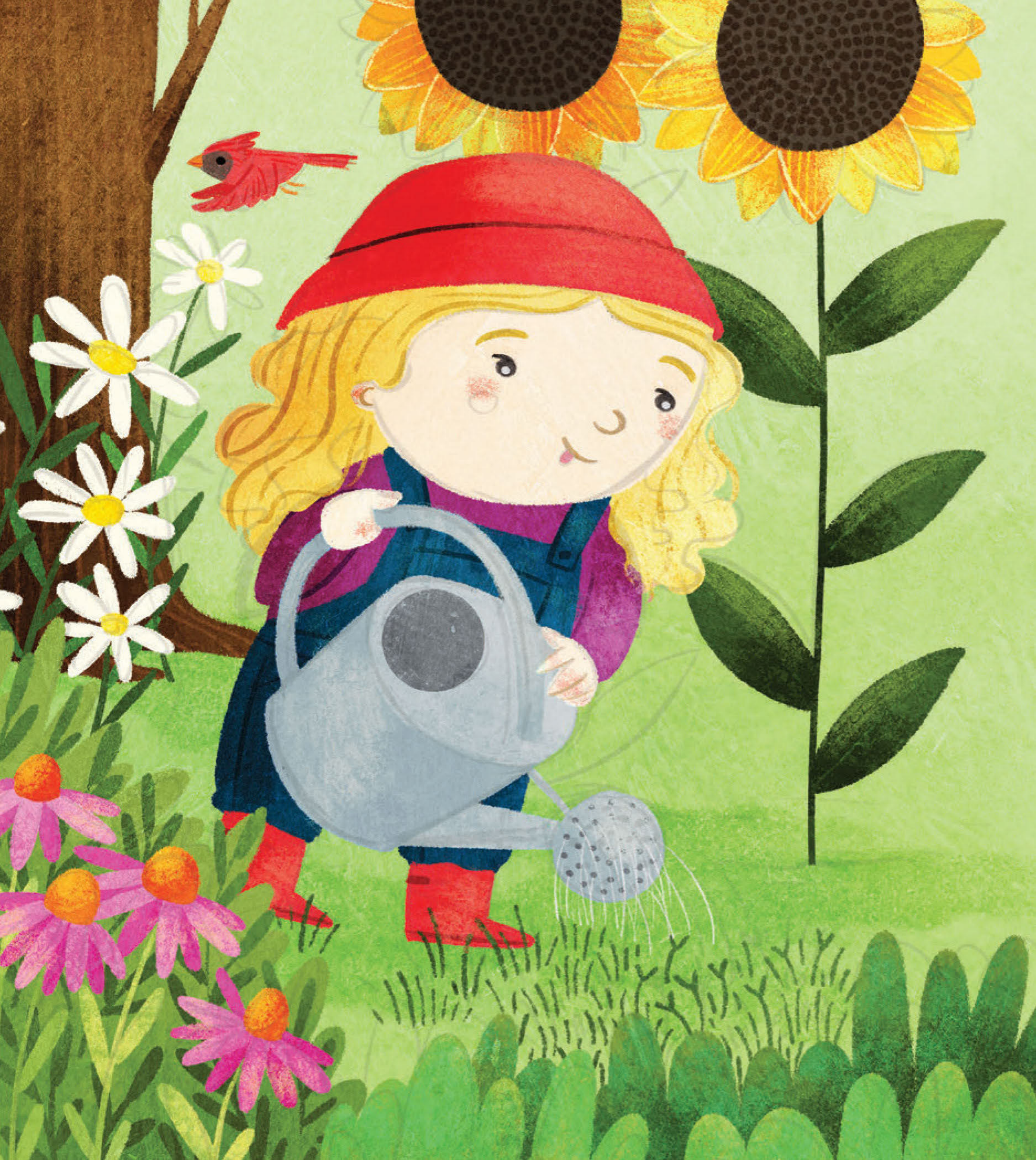
A FIRST CONCEPT

Watering Can

by Patricia Toht
Art by Stephanie Fizer Coleman

I carry a sprinkler
of shiny gray tin.
Just like a rain cloud,
it holds water in.
I tip it, just so,
to water the flowers,
and give them a taste
of sunny-day showers.

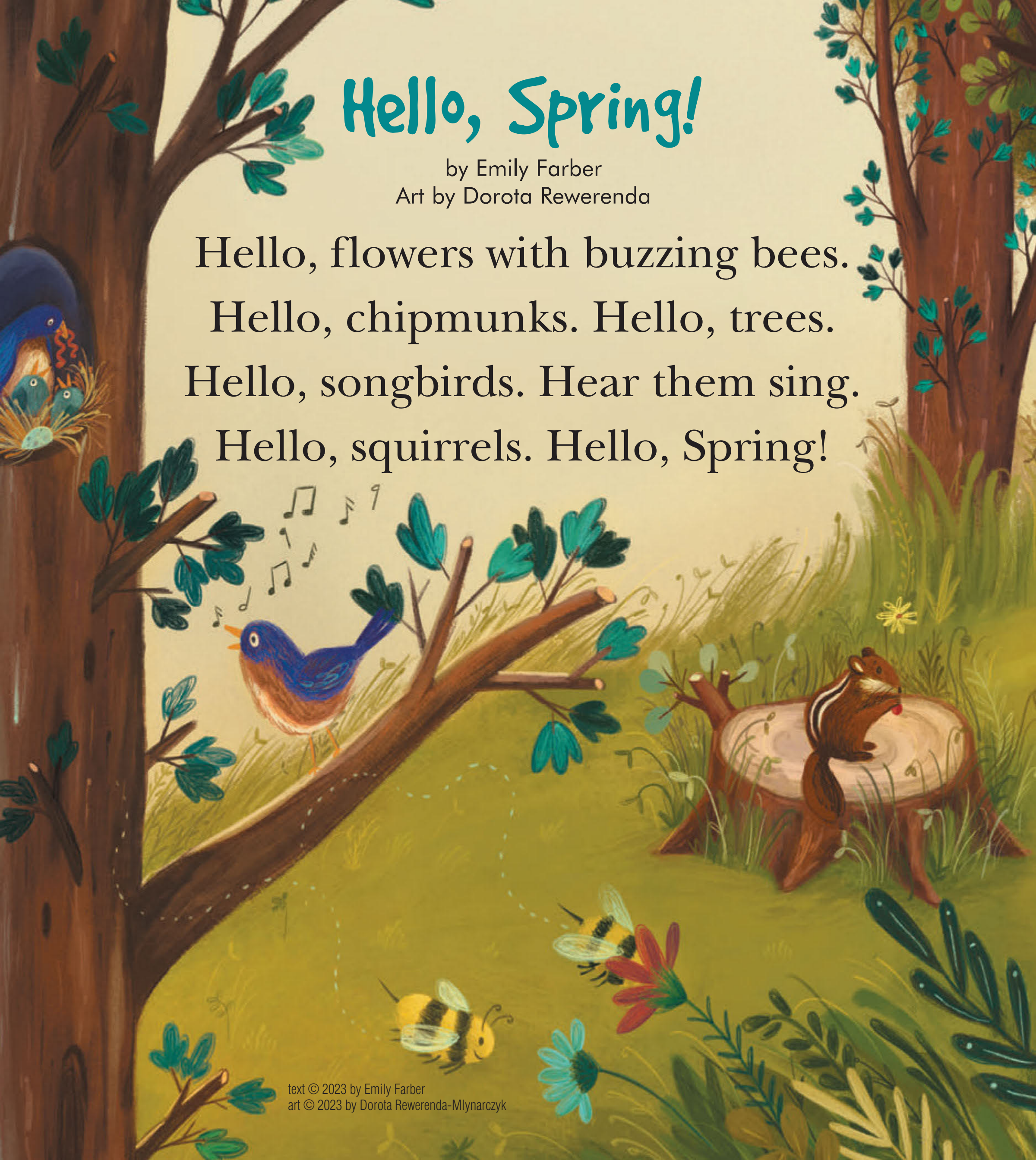




Hello, Spring!

by Emily Farber
Art by Dorota Rewerenda

Hello, flowers with buzzing bees.
Hello, chipmunks. Hello, trees.
Hello, songbirds. Hear them sing.
Hello, squirrels. Hello, Spring!



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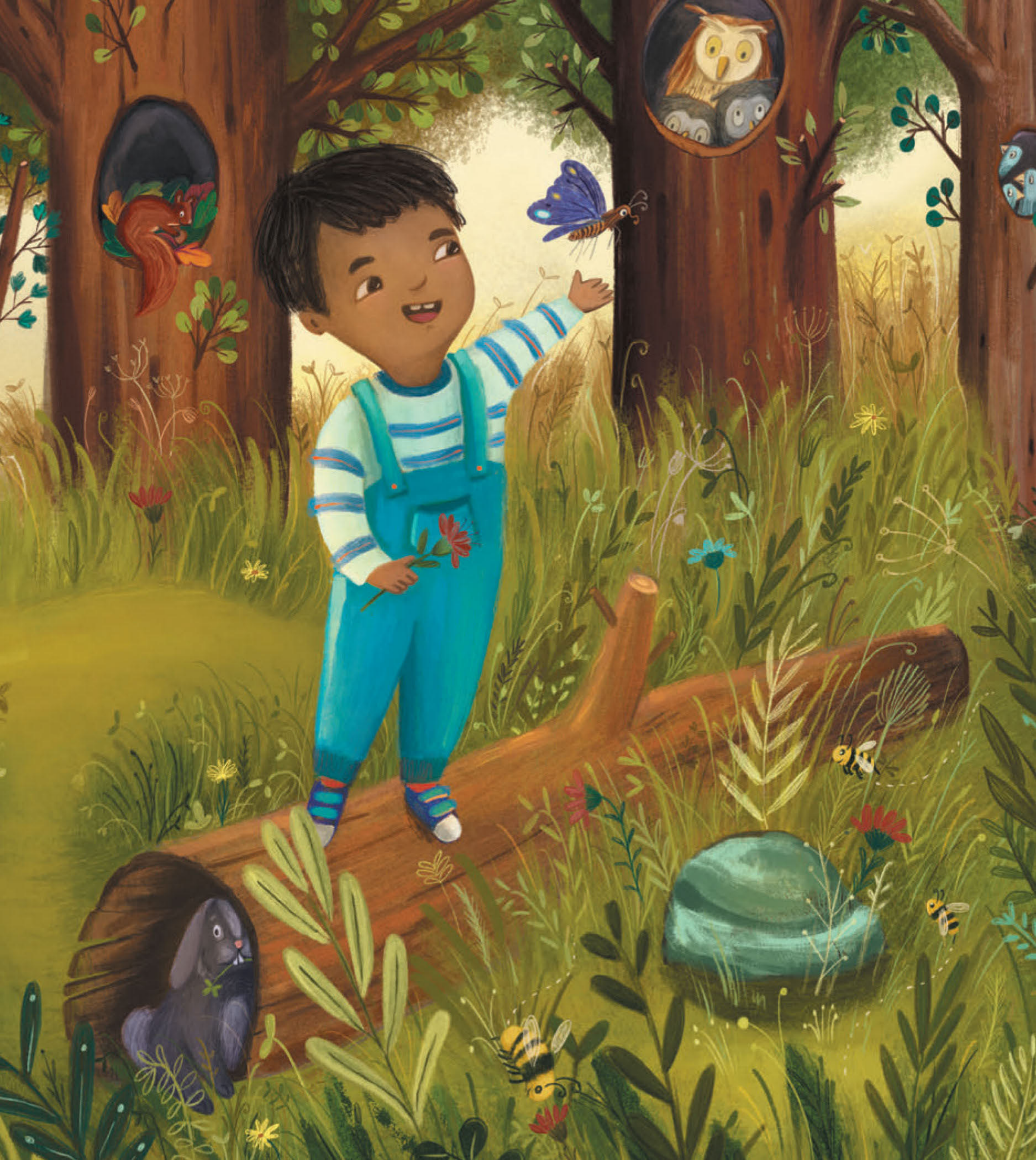
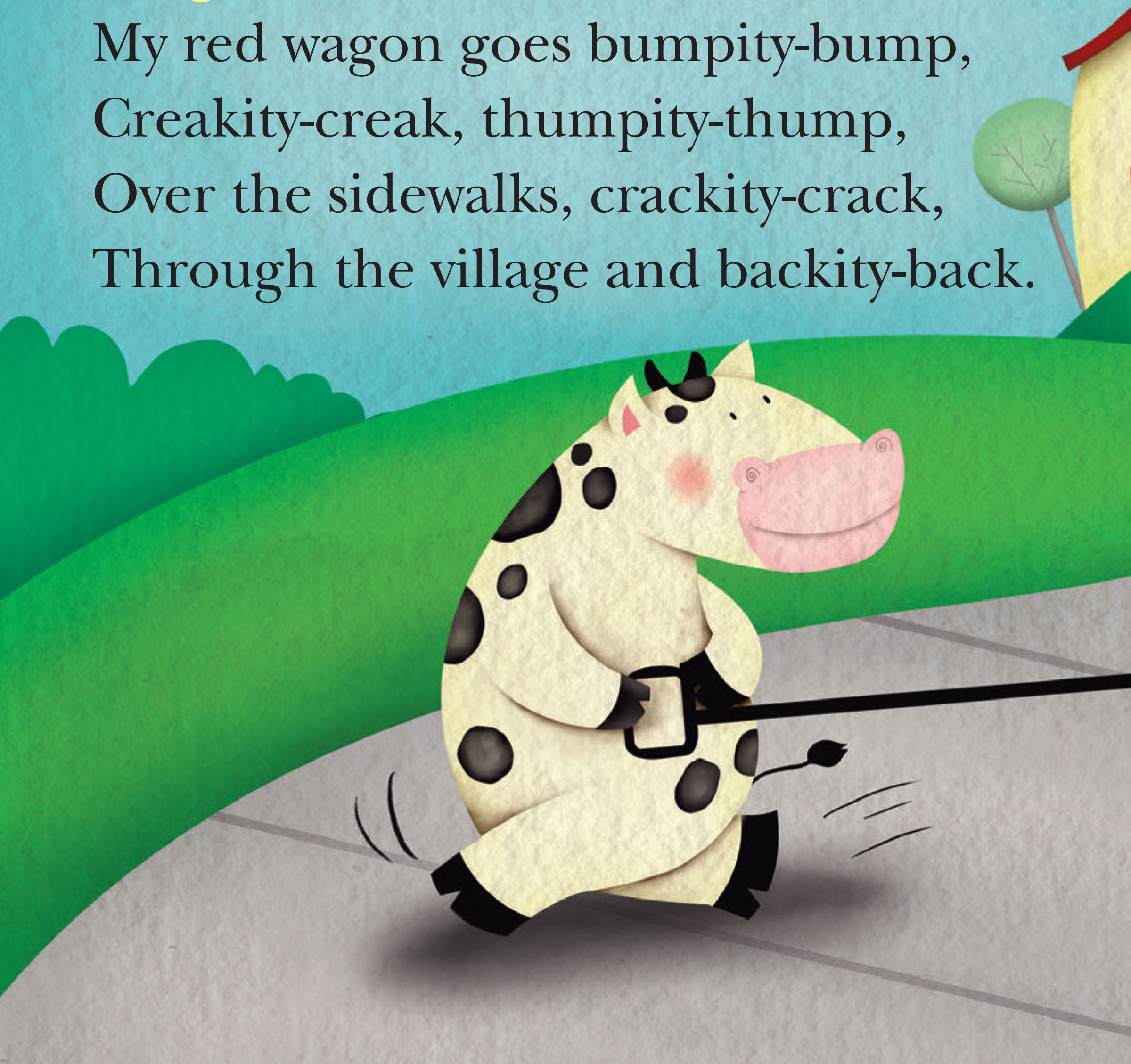
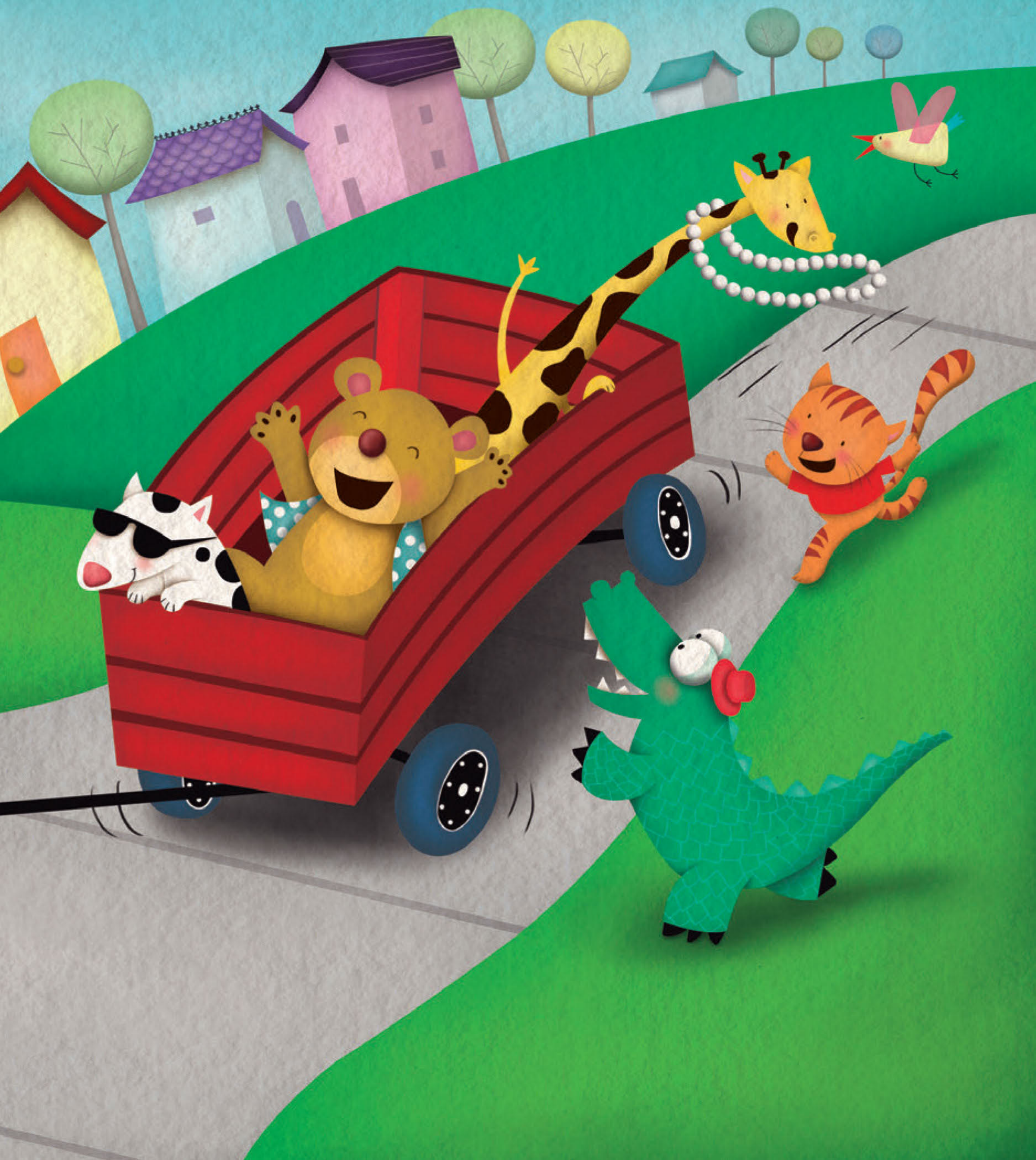


Wagon Ride

by Virginia Kroll
Art by Viviana Garofoli

My red wagon goes bumpity-bump,
Creakity-creak, thumpity-thump,
Over the sidewalks, crackity-crack,
Through the village and backity-back.





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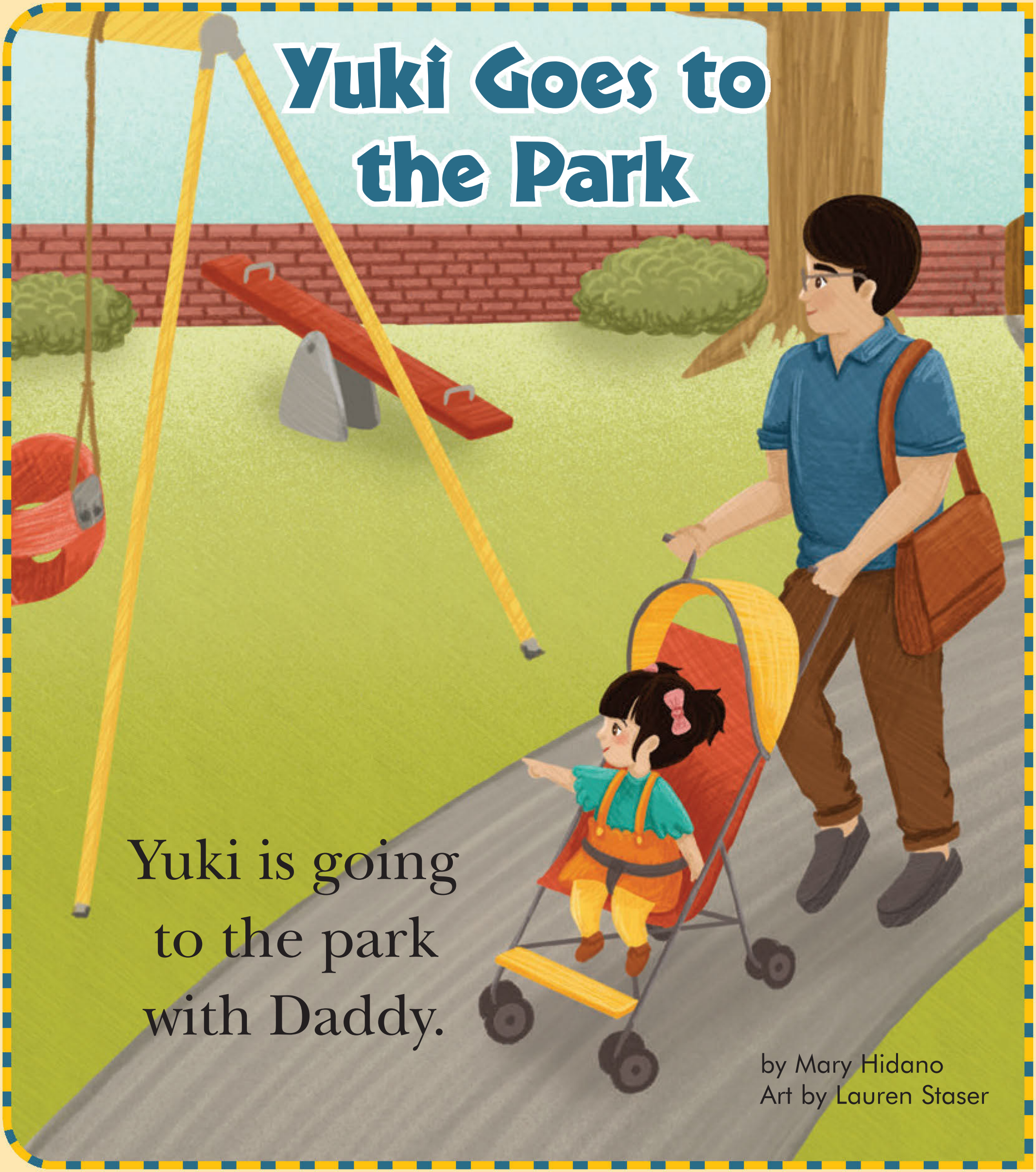
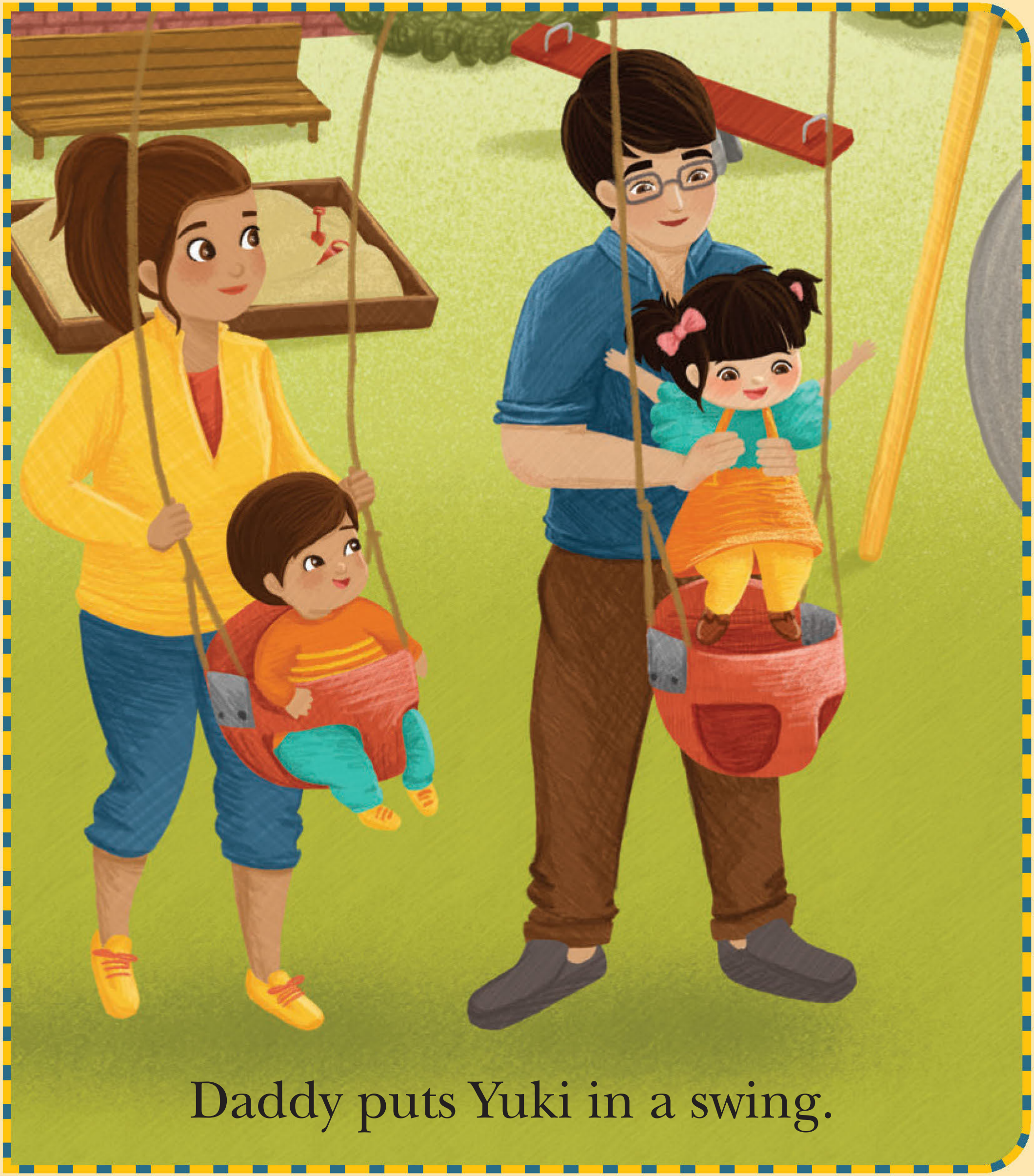


Yuki Goes to the Park

Yuki is going
to the park
with Daddy.

by Mary Hidano
Art by Lauren Staser



Daddy puts Yuki in a swing.

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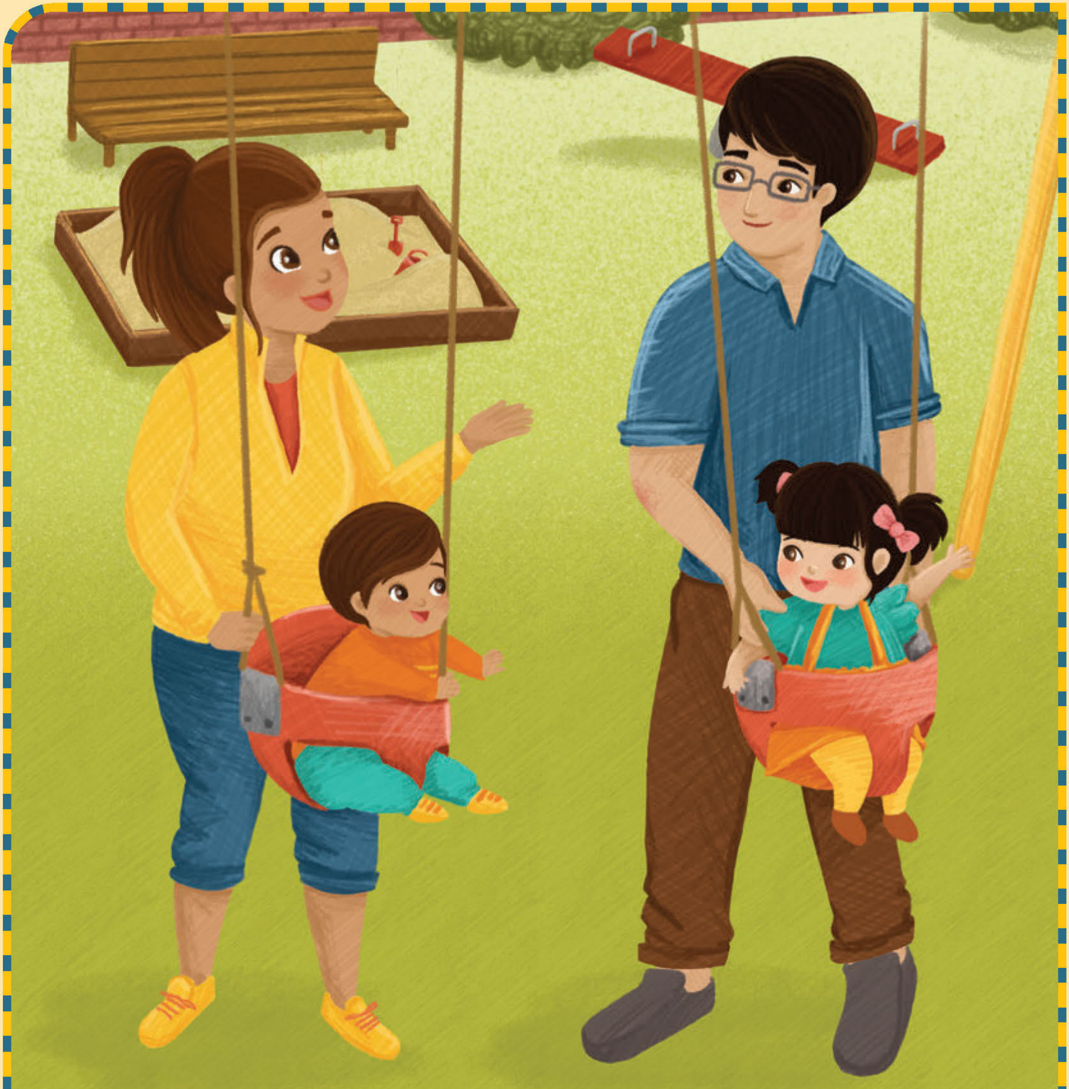
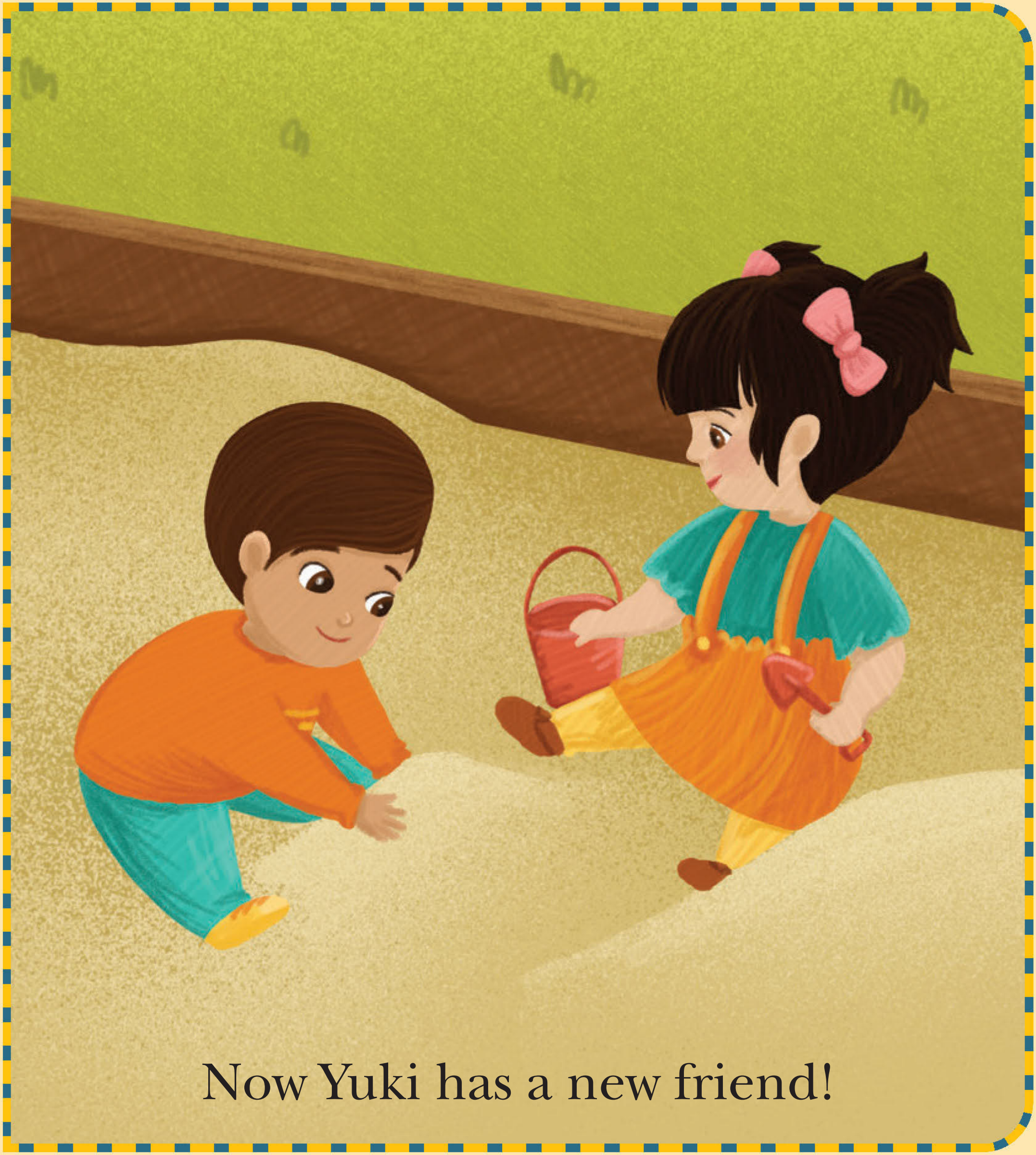


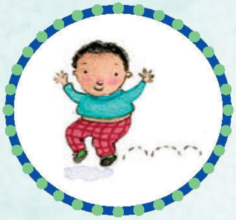
Look! Yuki sees a baby in another swing.



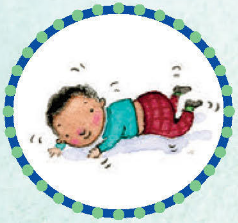
Now Yuki has a new friend!

Grasshopper Hops

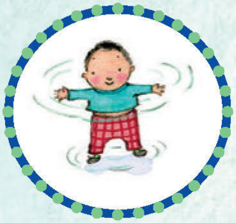
by Laura E. Ward ❦ Art by Kathy Couri



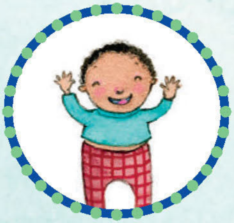
Grasshopper hops.



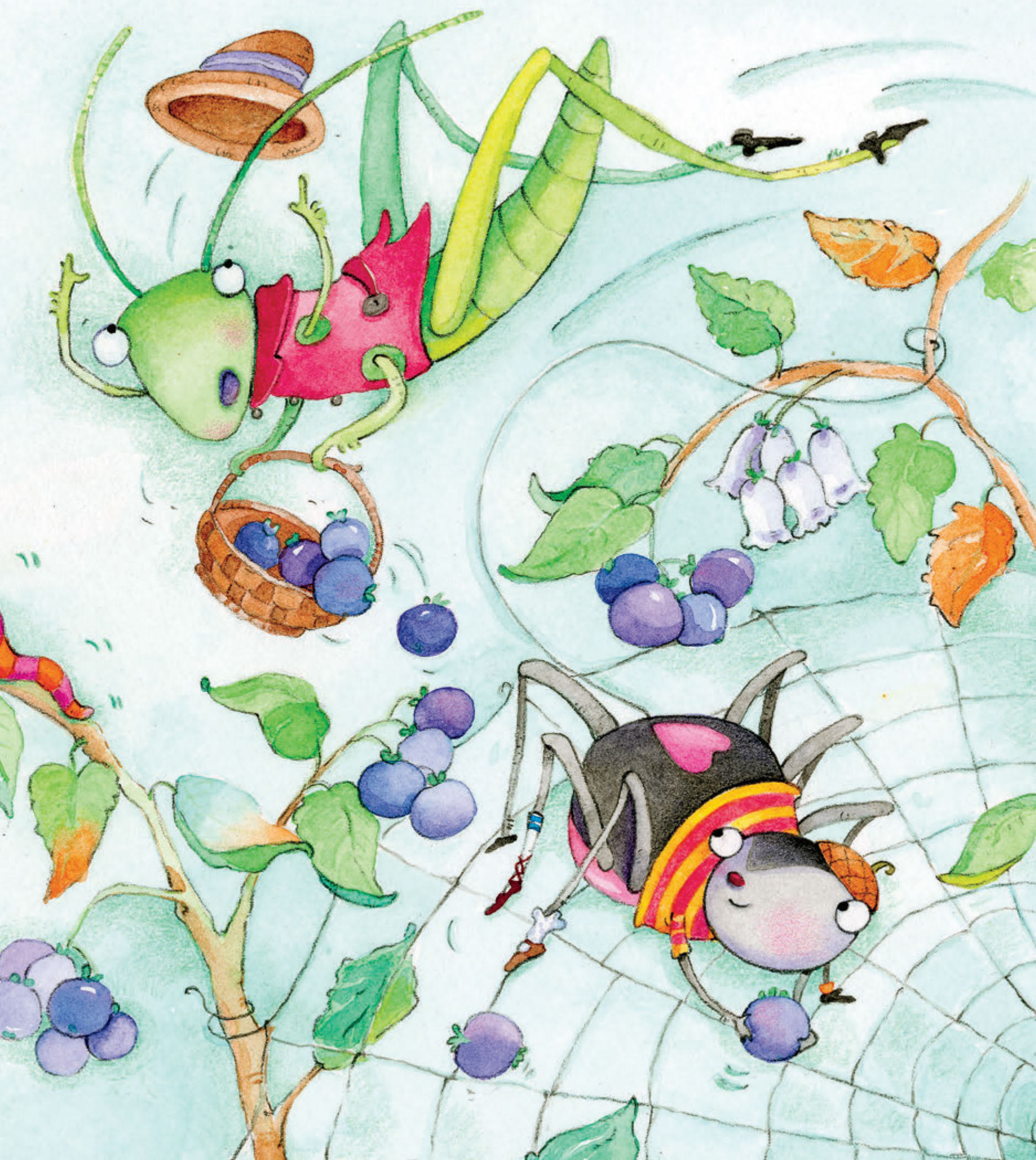
Worm wiggles.



Spider spins.



Jonathan giggles!



LET'S EXPLORE

Our Purple Garden

by Aster Davis

We take good care of our purple plants so that all our little friends . . .

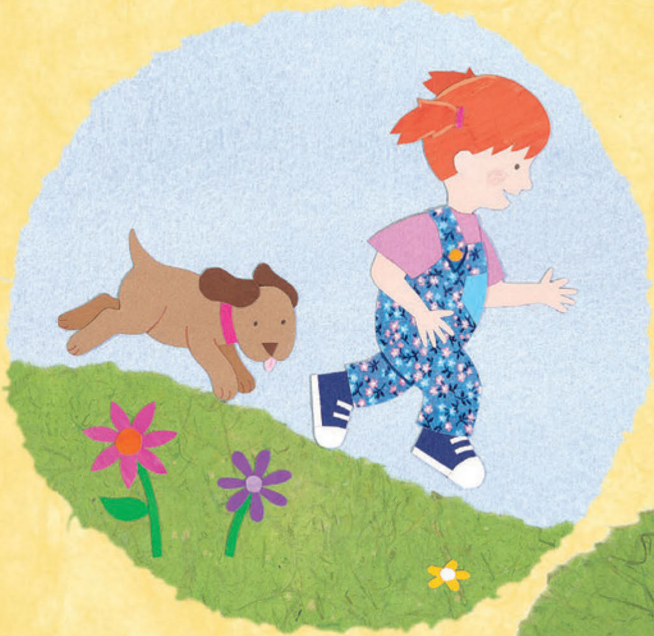
the spotted ladybug,

busy bee,

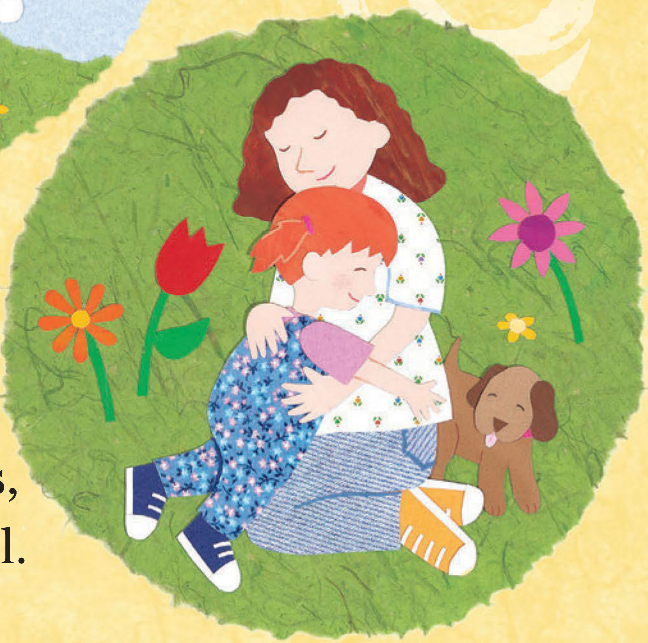
quick hummingbird, bright butterfly, and round green caterpillar can find homes in our pretty purple flower garden.

Run

by Elizabeth Woratyla
Art by Shari Halpern



Run across the
green grass,
Run down the hill,



Run into your
mommy's arms,
Then lie there still.

guide for caregivers

BABYBUG is for babies who love to be read to—and for adults who love to read to them. Here are a few tips to help you get the most out of this "watch me grow" issue of BABYBUG.

Our Purple Garden: Whether you and your child garden in your backyard, a community plot, or on a sunny windowsill, there is much to be gained. Toddlers who help in a garden witness first-hand where vegetables come from and how plants develop. They also discover the sheer satisfaction of creating something beautiful and useful. Here are some gardening ideas to enjoy together.

- Grow a *Please Pick* garden. In a container or a small patch of ground, grow flowers your child is always free to pick. Try zinnias, daisies, or marigolds.
- Arbor Day, a day set aside for planting trees, is on April 28 this year. The Arbor Day Foundation suggests starting "a tree seed in a cup, or a seedling in a pot. If you have no place to set it out later, give it to someone who does, and then watch it grow together."
- Grow a salad. Leaf lettuce and radishes are easy to grow from seed and can be planted in pots and window boxes. Help your toddler water the seeds with a plastic spray bottle.
- Remember that digging is half the fun! Designate a place where toddlers can dig to their hearts' content.

—Sally Nurss, M.Ed

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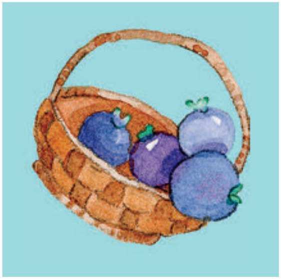

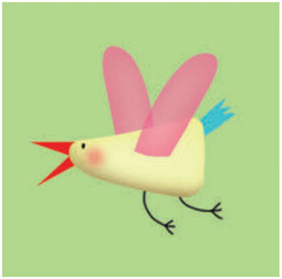

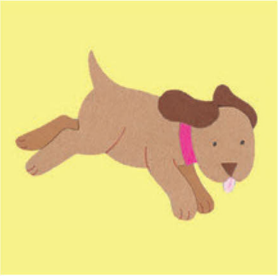

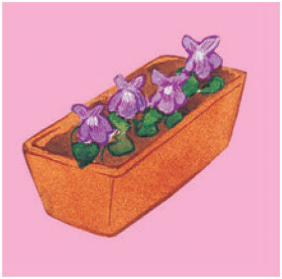

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